

§ 560.301

- (c) Ensuring competent and safe operations;
- (d) Avoiding undue speculation;
- (e) Avoiding unnecessary delays in exploration, development, and production;
- (f) Discovering and recovering oil and gas;
- (g) Developing new oil and gas resources in an efficient and timely manner;
- (h) Limiting the administrative burdens on Government and industry; and
- (i) Providing an opportunity to experiment with various bidding systems to enable us to identify those most appropriate for the satisfaction of the objectives of the United States in OCS lease sales.

Subpart C [Reserved]

Subpart D—Joint Bidding

§ 560.301 What is the purpose of this subpart?

The purpose of this subpart is to encourage participation in OCS oil and gas lease sales by limiting the requirement for filing “Statements of Production” to certain joint bidders.

§ 560.302 What definitions apply to this subpart?

For the purposes of this subpart, all terms used are defined as in 30 CFR 556.40.

§ 560.303 What are the joint bidding requirements?

(a) You must file a Statement of Production with the Director, according to the requirements of §§ 556.38 through 556.44 if:

- (1) You submit a joint bid for any OCS oil and gas lease during a 6-month bidding period; and
- (2) You were chargeable for the prior production period with an average daily production from all sources in excess of 1.6 million barrels of crude oil, natural gas equivalents, and liquefied petroleum products.

(b) The Statement of Production that you file under paragraph (a) of this section must state that you are chargeable for the prior production period with an average daily production in ex-

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cess of the quantities listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) If your average daily production in the prior production period met or exceeded the quantities specified in paragraph (a) of this section, you may not submit a joint bid for any OCS oil and gas lease during the applicable 6-month bidding period with any other person similarly chargeable. We will disqualify and reject these bids.

(d) If your average daily production in the prior production period met or exceeded the quantities specified in paragraph (a) of this section, you may not enter into an agreement prior to a lease sale that would result in two or more persons, similarly chargeable, acquiring or holding any interest in the tract for which the bid is submitted. We will disqualify and reject these bids.

PART 570—NONDISCRIMINATION IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

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§ 570.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to implement the provisions of section 604 of the OCSLA of 1978 which provides that “no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, or sex, be excluded from receiving or participating in any activity, sale, or employment, conducted pursuant to the provisions of * * * the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.”

§ 570.2 Application of this part.

This part applies to any contract or subcontract entered into by a lessee or by a contractor or subcontractor of a lessee after the effective date of these regulations to provide goods, services, facilities, or property in an amount of \$10,000 or more in connection with any activity related to the exploration for